



2010 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Please email this form and any attachments to Tara Bamford at NNEPlanning@aol.com. Please put "VPA Award Nomination" in subject. If email is not possible, nominations may be mailed to: VPA Awards Committee c/o Jessica Hill, Vermont League of Cities & Towns, 89 Main Street, Suite #4, Montpelier, VT 05602-2948 **All required material must be received by Friday, July 30, 2010.**

I hereby nominate Eleanor Briggs Kenworthy and Glenn^A Jarrett
for a 2010 VPA Annual Planning Award.

This submission is for (Please check ONE of the following categories)

- Citizen Planner Citizen Board Professional Planner Plan of the Year Project of the Year

Section A: The following items are mandatory. Submissions lacking these items will not be considered:

- 1. 2010 VPA Award Nomination Submission Form
- 2. One-page summary of the submission or the individual's qualifications (eligibility)
- 3. Three-page explanation demonstrating how the individual meets the stated criteria
- 4. One letter of recommendation in support of the submitted project or plan or three letters of recommendation for citizen planner/board or professional planner nominations.

The following items are optional. Please either provide 5 copies or one easily reproducible original.

- 5. Related documents or reports titled: _____
- 6. Audio or video presentations titled: _____
- 7. Other materials supporting the submission: _____

Section B - Nominator:

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Section D – Other Contacts:

Please provide the names of up to two individuals, other than the nominator, to be notified in the event this submission is selected to receive an award. If this submission is for an individual, that person must be listed below as one of the two contacts.

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I certify that the submitted work was done by the parties credited and meets the eligibility requirements. I understand that any entry that fails to meet submission requirements may be disqualified. Signer must be authorized to represent those credited.

Signature of Nominator Mary L. O'Neil Date 7/30/10

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To the VPA Award Committee:

The Planning and Zoning staff at the City of Burlington would like to enthusiastically submit the names of two former Development Review Board members for consideration for the VPA Citizen Planners Award.

Eleanor Briggs Kenworthy has been a member of the Development Review Board since July, 1997. Her background includes employment as a mortgage loan officer and a bookkeeper for a medical office. Her business expertise and substantial understanding of financial underwriting has been a tremendous asset to the board; but her broad involvement in school and community issues have made her an appreciable and significant contributor to the regulatory board.

Glenn A. Jarrett joined the Development Review Board in April of 1990. As an attorney with over 30 years experience specializing in elder law, Glenn is well known and respected within the Burlington community. But it has been his active and attentive interest in the development of the city coupled with his significant regulatory experience and skilled ability to zero in on the impacts of proposed development that have been the greatest benefit to the board and staff alike.

Together, Glenn and Ellie have dedicated more than 33 years to development review for the City of Burlington. For their interest, commitment, desire, education, and experience, Burlington would like to recognize them for their substantial efforts on behalf of the citizens of the City.

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July 22, 2010

VPA Awards Committee
c/o Jessica Hill
Vermont League of Cities & Towns
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RE: Glenn Jarrett & Eleanor Briggs Kenworthy - Citizen Planner of the Year Nomination

To Awards Committee Members:

I would like to support the nomination of Glenn Jarrett and Eleanor Briggs Kenworthy, Burlington Development Review Board members, for the Citizen Planner of the Year.

Glenn and Ellie have been active volunteer members for a combined 33 years (Glenn with 20 years and Ellie with 13 years). Both started out as members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and both were involved with the creation of the Development Review Board and continued to serve as members of that board until this past year. During their years of service, Glenn and Ellie participated in the review of a number of signature projects such as the construction of ECHO and the renovation of Union Station as well as the adaptive reuse of a number of vacant or underutilized historic structures into vibrant residential, commercial, or mixed use spaces. Glenn and Ellie consistently pushed for improved projects, lessening potential adverse impacts and accentuating positive contributions for the community.

Glenn and Ellie's continuous push for excellence in new and redevelopment projects in Burlington will be reflected for decades in Burlington's built environment. I hope that you will favorably consider their nomination for Citizen Planner of the Year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Gustin
Senior Planner

7/30/10

To Whom It May Concern:

Although I missed their post-deliberative party, it is my pleasure to recommend Glenn and Ellie for this VPA award.

I served with Glenn back when the DRB was the ZBA and with Ellie more recently. Both are worthy of recognition not simply for their many years of service but for the quality of their work and the strength of their commitment.

These board members served the City of Burlington and the planning process generally through reflective practice focused sharply on shaping the built environment to serve and build the community living, working, and playing in and around it.

Sincerely,

Michael Long

*Note: Michael is a
Current and long-
serving member of
Development Review
Board.*

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MEMORANDUM

TO: VPA Awards Committee
FROM: David E. White, AICP, Director of Planning & Zoning
DATE: Thursday, July 22, 2010
RE: Nomination for Glenn Jarrett and Eleanor Briggs Kenworthy as VPA 2010 Citizen Planners of the Year

I would like to wholeheartedly endorse the nominations of Glenn Jarrett and Eleanor Briggs Kenworthy of the Burlington Development Review Board for VPA's 2010 Citizen Planners of the Year.

As the enclosed nomination describes, both Glenn and Ellie have been active members of Burlington's DRB (Glenn since 1990 and Ellie since 1997) for many, many years. Throughout their dedicated service they have volunteered thousands of hours of their time and expertise towards the improvement of the City of Burlington. Their combined 33 years of experience on, Burlington's DRB has left a tangible mark on Burlington's urban form and quality of life, and their careful and reasoned approach to decision making on the Board will be greatly missed.

As you can appreciate as professional planners yourselves, it is people like Glenn and Ellie that make the real difference in the communities we serve, and without them our professional capabilities would be greatly diminished. I encourage you to give their nomination for VPA's 2010 Citizen Planner of the Year the greatest consideration.

Thank you!



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To the VPA Award Committee:

Please accept this submission for consideration for the VPA Citizen Planner(s) award for 2010. The City of Burlington Planning and Zoning Office submits **Eleanor Briggs Kenworthy** and **Glenn A. Jarrett**, former members of Burlington's Development Review Board as nominees for your review.

Eleanor Briggs Kenworthy

Ellie joined the Zoning Board of Adjustment in 1997, (prior to its conversion to the Development Review Board in October of 2000) and has served until the end of her recent term in June 2010. Ellie has worked as a mortgage loan officer, and is presently active as an account bookkeeper for a local medical office. Ellie holds a Master's Degree in Education from Washington University, and a B.A. from the University of Vermont.

As the lone woman serving on the regulatory board, Ellie brought a unique and powerful presence to the character of the board. Involved in school and community, and active in city recreational pursuits, Ellie has a strong involvement in Burlington's living, breathing vigorous existence. She is committed to understanding how areas of the city function; patterns in development, changes in how specific districts may affect overall potential development; whether industrial, commercial, public or private. Ellie has taken a specific interest in continued strong investment in the city, avoiding failure of developers in project completion and ultimately loss to the overall public. She lives her life committed to the improvement of the community, and assurance of thoughtful and financially sound development; both public and private. Aside from the mechanical aspects of DRB function, Ellie has enormous interest and involvement in the issues of private property owners, having taken a personal interest in how development may impact this subgroup that may not habitually visit the board. Having been raised in Burlington, and having chosen to raise her family here, Ellie's curiosity and commitment has consistently included consideration for what happens to the individual or private citizen as a result of development. At the very best, Ellie has exemplified her obligation to perform her duties with a pedestrian eye for development impacts; her prolonged contribution to the board has made her "ordinary" review extraordinary.

Ellie has never had anything but the very best interests of the city at heart, and her sustained and profound involvement in the development review process is a testament to her commitment.

Glenn A. Jarrett joined the Zoning Board of Adjustment in April of 1990. He has continued to serve (as the ZBA became the Development Review Board in October of 2000) until June of 2010. Most of those years saw Glenn as either the Chair or Vice-Chair of the board. In all, Glenn has forfeited at least one day a week for regulatory review for over 20 years.

Glenn's professional experience is significant: As an attorney Glenn concentrates exclusively on estate planning, elder law, special needs planning and probate and trust administration. He is the principal of Jarrett Law Office, PLC. Attorney Jarrett has practiced law in Vermont for over thirty years. He is also admitted to practice in New York and the District of Columbia. He

is past chairman of the Vermont Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, has served for over 25 years as a member of the Association's Professional Responsibility Section and is currently vice-chair of the Association's Probate and Trust Section. In addition, he is President of the Vermont Society of Financial Services Professionals, a multi-disciplinary group accepting members who hold one of fourteen different certifications in law, accounting, finance and insurance. Mr. Jarrett is a member of the Chittenden County and Vermont Bar Associations.

Glenn is an honors graduate of Middlebury College and the Georgetown University Law Center, where he served as a Senior Editor on the board of the Law Center's international law journal, Law and Policy in International Business. He began his legal career as law clerk to the Honorable Albert W. Coffrin of the United States District Court for the District of Vermont. He spent nine years as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Vermont and 11 years as General Counsel of the Vermont Housing Finance Agency.

He also is one of a small number of elder law attorneys in Vermont. With over two thousand licensed attorneys in Vermont, only 20 are members of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys ("NAELA"), the leading membership organization for elder law attorneys in the United States. Attorney Jarrett not only is a member of NAELA, but is a founding member of the Vermont chapter of NAELA. He has regularly presented well-attended seminars on Elder Law to attorneys and financial professionals and has been interviewed numerous times on radio and television programs, including several "Across the Fence" programs produced by the Vermont Extension Service and broadcast on WCAX-TV.

Development Review in Burlington

Burlington is the heart of a regional educational, health care, commercial, cultural, and governmental center. A diverse mixture of businesses compose the city's economic base, including vibrant neighborhood centers served by neighborhood-oriented local businesses like grocery stores and doctor's offices. Burlington is further enhanced by an active waterfront and vibrant downtown, both which abound with cultural and recreational opportunities while serving as a retail and financial center for the region. Agricultural activities at the Intervale and enterprise/industrial ventures in the south end of the city present further diverse facets of Burlington's identity. Additionally, Burlington has among the oldest housing stock in New England. Development within this complex patchwork is tricky at best.

As members of Burlington's Development Review Board, Glenn and Ellie have been challenged with addressing an enormous breadth of complex information and technical expertise. They have been willing to enlighten themselves to enhance their understanding about conservation, water quality, environmental impacts, wildlife migratory patterns, brownfield remediation methods, historic sensitivity, and structural engineering. The physical, environmental, business and commercial complexities of the city are laid before them, week after week, project by project. Both have participated in staff offered training sessions; the most recent on ethics. Their role has been one requiring constant curiosity, education, challenge, and training.

A paramount detail here is the complexity of Burlington itself. The diversity of the city, whether social, cultural, economic or structural, makes for a very challenging landscape. How will development affect the attributes of Lake Champlain? How might this project intersect with job creation and retention? How many different groups have been identified that will be impacted by any specific project, and how? How do we provide adequate housing for a growing (and aging) population and still preserve open space? How does board review of projects encourage (or discourage) new businesses to locate in Burlington, and encourage high quality job growth? How do we support public and private investment? How can Burlington's built environment

reflect a legacy of high quality design and rich architectural heritage? In each instance, Glenn and Ellie have exceeded at this balancing act; giving thoughtful attention, asking meaningful questions, listening to the public, and responding in an articulate and attentive manner through deliberative proceedings.

The extent of project review over the tenure of Glenn and Ellie is almost beyond reasonable scope. Thousands of projects have received their scrutiny in the last twenty years. Among them were multi-million dollar developments associated with Burlington institutions like Fletcher Allen Health Care, (the Renaissance Project that included more than 20 phases of development; another for a radiation oncology wing) and a recent 12 million dollar rehabilitation and addition at a 1851 residence for conversion by Champlain College as an Admission Center. The role of Ellie and Glenn as members of the DRB is to be both respectful of Burlington's built environment, yet visionary for Burlington's future. In this, they have succeeded.

For business and commercial development, the Development Review Board (with Glenn and Ellie's leadership) has reviewed and approved projects like 60 Lake Street; construction of a mixed use building including a theatre, inn, restaurant, office and retail structure at the northeast corner of Lake and College streets and adjacent to Battery Park on the waterfront. As Burlington grows and stretches, the DRB has reviewed applications for new student dorms, senior housing, affordable subsidized housing, dog parks, underground parking, and waterfront homes. From boathouse to chicken coop, architect designed to student project, the DRB sees it all.

Above all, Glenn and Ellie are good listeners. While development review hearings may sometimes become prolonged (with some in excess of 4 hours), neither has ever in memory discouraged any party from submitting public testimony or participating in any manner they felt of import to the case at hand. Professional in every sense, and sensitive to the passion and interest of the public, their manner and deportment was always that of the consummate professional.

Glenn and Ellie share a unique ability to retain significant amounts of information, and "sugar off" the proposed development into concise and precise issues. On more than one occasion, it has been Glenn or Ellie to zero in on specific components of critical interest. Sometimes a single sentence from one of them would help refocus and prioritize overall project review. This innate ability was educational for the remaining board members, and instructional for staff. The breadth of their combined experience was an invaluable asset to the board and planning staff alike.

Glenn and Ellie have left their posts on the Development Review Board this year at the end of their terms. The amount of institutional memory and experience that walked out the door has left a void that will be difficult, if not impossible, to fill. Combined, Glenn and Ellie have offered over 33 years of their time to the City of Burlington; for no compensation, no accolades, and no expected benefit other than that for the citizens of Burlington. Few people are willing to forfeit such a substantial part of their personal lives for the public domain. But one has only to walk around the city of Burlington to understand the legacy left by Glenn Jarrett and Ellie Kenworthy. The effects of their contribution are seen on every street, in every district, and in every neighborhood of the Queen City. They have made a substantial and sustained contribution to the built, business, commercial and economic environment of the city, and helped to make it the vibrant and fabulous place it is today.

For that, we hope you will consider this nomination for VPA Citizen Planner of the Year.